

Expansion of Local Historic Districts in Somerville

Final Report with Recommendations - June 2007

B. Summary Sheet

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Summary Recommendation of the Report

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission is recommending that the Board of Aldermen approve a package of map amendments to the Somerville Historic District Ordinance (1985-2 as amended) that involves 171 properties becoming part of 86 Local Historic Districts (LHDs) that encompass 18 new Multiple-Building Districts, 52 new Single-Building Districts, and the Enlargement of 16 existing Districts. The Preservation Commission and its staff have effectively administered the Ordinance since 1985 and do not see a need to amend the text.

The boundaries of these proposed historic districts are in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the State enabling legislation, known as the Historic Districts Act, found in Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, and all districts are created through the procedures outlined in the Historic Districts Ordinance of the City of Somerville.